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certainly we're far ahead of the \$1 million that we were spending 10 years ago.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I respect the committee's decision, obviously, because it is something that you have to decide on. Again, it bothers me because there was some hope in that committee that we could start to make some advances in the area of depreciation of some of these buildings that is happening on many of the campuses, from the university on down through the entire system. And it was our hope, as you well know, that we could advance that cause and stop the deterioration of some of those buildings that's happening right now. I guess, I had thought perhaps that there would be some attempt to raise either the cigarette tax or look at some other source of revenue, because, as Senator Janssen alluded, seems like when there's some money needed, it's always taken out of the cigarette tax money, and it's money that was originally, at least we thought, intended to, as I indicated, catch up some of the problems that we're experiencing. It's a difficult thing to make a decision, and I realize a decision you have to make. But it certainly sort of flies in the face of what the 309 Task Force has tried to do with catching up some of the problems that they're experiencing. I guess my real concern, Senator Wehrbein, is you know next year comes along, something is probably going to come up to take another 2 cents away, and there comes a point where people don't care what happens to these buildings, then we shouldn't, any of us, care. But they are property of the state of Nebraska and somehow it would appear to me that we're going to have to find some way to start to take care of some of these buildings or they're going to get to the point...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...where it's going to be difficult to...to keep up with the repairs on them. And, as you well know, the cost continues to escalate when they continue to deteriorate. I'm just curious, in another year it looks like this is a go as far as your proposition is concerned. But do you have any thoughts, next year, maybe we can look at some other opportunities to do something in this line or, you know, am I way ahead of the curve and we should wait, I suppose, and talk about that next year?